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Carpenter named Director of Curriculum

PAW PAW - As the new director of curriculum and instruction for Paw Paw Public Schools, Susanne Carpenter brings over 30 years of experience in public education. She has served as a su-perintendent, elementary principal, instructional specialist, teacher and adjunct professor. Known for her leadership in curriculum design, MTSS (multi-tiered system of supports), instruc-tional coaching and school-community partnerships, Carpenter is committed to fostering student growth and academic excellence.

"My vision as director of curriculum and instruction is to foster a culture of high expectations, innovation and support for all learners," Carpenter shared. "I am committed to ensuring that every classroom is a place where students are engaged, challenged and cared for."

"I'm excited to begin this new chapter and look forward to working alongside students, parents, staff and the entire Paw Paw community," she added. "Together, we can create a system where all students thrive."

"I am thrilled to officially welcome Susanne Carpenter as our new director of curriculum and instruction," said Paw Paw Public Schools Superintendent Jeremy Davison. "Susanne brings a pas-sion for teaching and learning, and I am confident she will help us reestablish a strong focus on academics and instruction across the district."

Paw Paw Public School Superintendent Davison named Paw Paw Lions Club "Lion of the Year"

PAW PAW - On Wednesday, June 18, Paw Paw Public Schools Superintendent Jeremy Davison received two prestigious awards for outstanding service to the Paw Paw Lions Club and the local community.

The "Lion of the Year" award is a distinguished honor reserved for a club member who goes above and beyond to serve the club and the community.

The second award, the Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship Award, was named after legendary Lion Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser, who served the Lions for 45 years and was elected to the Board of Lions Clubs International. This award was created in response to a definite need in Michigan for an organization that could address the medical needs of individuals who had no insurance and nowhere else to turn. Through the local Lions Club chapters, it recognizes outstanding individuals who are committed to unselfish and dedicated service to humankind.

One way Paw Paw Public Schools, through partnerships with the Paw Paw Lions Club and the Lions of Michigan Foundation, addresses the medical needs of individuals in the community is by offering vision screening to all district students. Through "Operation Kidsight," if the screening detects a vision problem, students are referred to an eye care professional for further testing. If glasses are deemed necessary and financial assistance is needed, the Paw Paw Lions Club will cover the cost of the glasses.

This unique partnership, along with many other community collaborations, are innovative ways Superintendent Davison and the students and staff of Paw Paw Public Schools are fulfilling the district's vision: To be united with our community to build success.

Rick Zuiderveen and Bruce Miller were co-recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, which recognizes dedicated humanitarian services.

Paw Paw Service League makes $2,000 for ballistic shields for police department

By Paul Garrod
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PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Service League recently made a $2,000 contribution to the American Legion Post 68, to purchase Ballistic Shields for the Paw Paw Village Police Department.

GVA (Gun Violence America) reported 971 cases of school shootings across the United States in 2024, (gun was brandished, fired, or bullet hit school property) with many of them having no victims or injuries. The database has tracked 112 school shootings in which a victim was injured or killed. The deadliest incident took place in the Atlanta suburb of Winder on Sept. 4 at Apalachee High School and left four dead.

The American Legion Post is seeking contributions from Paw Paw area residents to purchase three shields (one for each patrol car) According to Bob Adams, Paw Paw American Legion Post 68, Operation Shield Chairperson, the reason for three shields for the police department is "because they always have a car on the road in Paw Paw and it would only take three minutes to respond to any school."

The project has the support of the Paw Paw Village Council.

The Paw Paw Service League has been in existence for approximately 40 years, and it is estimated that the group has given out $400,000 during the past four decades, roughly $10,000 a year.

Two recipients of financial donations from the Paw Paw Service League include the Paw Paw Community Chorus and the Paw Paw Art League.

Checks can be made payable to PNC Bank and mailed to the American Legion, PO 19, Paw Paw, MI, 49079, Bob Adams, Chairperson.

Lawton sets millage rate, equal to last year

LAWTON - Following an earlier public hearing with no public comment, the Lawton Village Council on June 10 approved a motion to establish the 2025 millage rates. The millage rate is equal to last year's millage rate (16.9322 mills), due to the Headlee Amendment and will generate a 0.93 percent increase in the net operating tax revenues for the Village of Lawton.

President Josh Appleby said that the Truth in Taxation hearing is completed each year to allow for the inflationary increase which will total $6,970.

In another area, the village council approved Ordinance 01-2025: Rental Inspection Zoning Ordinance. The village Planning Commission had reviewed and recommended the changes to the zoning ordinance.

Village Council Trustee Judith Peterson provided a presentation of the Planning Commission's findings on the ordinance. Peterson recommended two changes to the ordinance to 1.10 and 1.11 should be removed due to redundancy between the planning consultant and the attorney.

Peterson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2025 with the removal of sections 1.10 and 1.11 from the proposed ordinance. It was approved in a roll call vote.

The village council also approved in a roll call vote, Ordinance 02-2025: Rental Inspection Ordinance.

Following a discussion, Village Council President Appleby made a motion to pass Ordinance 02-2025 with corrections to 155.3 item D to state that the requirements of subsection (A) will take effect Jan.1, 2026, section 155.4 section D to state that the requirements of subsection (A) take effect on Jan. 1, 2027, and an amendment to 156.4 (G) to state that unless revoked, a license is valid for three years from the date of issuance.

The Lawton Village Council also approved in a rollcall vote Ordinance 03-2025: Cell Tower/Solar Panel Zoning Ordinance. The village Planning Commission reviewed and recommended the change to the zoning ordinance. Peterson made a motion to adopt ordinance 03-2025 with the addition of sections 11.13-11.18 to be added to the ordinance.

Two vehicle "violent collision" claims life of area resident

Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Uniform Response handled a two vehicle PIA (personal injury accident) in Antwerp Township. "It was found that a vehicle exiting a parking lot pulled out in front of a vehicle that was approaching, hence causing a violent collision. The driver in the oncoming vehicle lost her life due to the crash. The passenger in that vehicle and the at fault driver were transported to the hospital for their injuries," said Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott. The accident remains under investigation and will be sent to the Van Buren County Prosecutor's Office once it's completed.

Uniform Response handled a domestic assault between two brothers in Bangor Township. The report was sent to the Van Buren County Prosecutor's Office for review.

Uniform Response handled a domestic assault/strangulation in the City of Gobles. The suspect fled prior to deputies' arrival. They were unable to locate him and are still actively looking for him. The report was sent to the Van Buren County Prosecutors Office for review (seeking arrest warrant).

Dispatch received a call from a motorist on Interstate 94 Highway in Hartford Township about a possible intoxicated driver. Deputies were able to find the vehicle, observed the poor driving, and got it pulled over. After investigating the driver, she was lodged for operating under the influence of alcohol.

"Our office teamed up with McDonald's at various locations for a Summer Safety Initiative. Our Marine Division is handing out vouchers to kids wearing life jackets, leading by example to help encourage the use of life jackets while boating. We are excited to be able to bring a positive to the kids by rewarding them with a free ice cream cone voucher and it also helps show them law enforcement is here for them in a positive light. A big thank you to McDonald's for working with us on this initiative, said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a larceny of cell phones in Almena Township. Deputies found through the investigation that two suspects entered a business asking for a tool for help on their car and when the victim wasn't looking, they grabbed two cell phones off the counter and went back to their car. Two more individuals were in the vehicle in the parking lot and the plate was removed. They were confronted and during the confrontation, one phone was recovered. The suspects fled the scene with the other cell phone. The victim deactivated the phone. "Photos were put out on our office Facebook page and one of the suspects was immediately identified. Deputies are working on the case and after it's completed, the suspects will be charged for the incident. Thank you to everyone who contacted our office identifying the individual.," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a possible theft in progress in Paw Paw Township. The property own-ers observed people walking on their property on their security cameras. Deputies located three individuals there and inquired about them being there trespassing. The female suspect was lodged on a felony warrant and CCW (carrying concealed weapon). "Nothing was taken during the incident, and it's believed that it was because deputies arrived on scene before they did," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a suspicious call in Geneva Township. The call came into dispatch about three kids shooting a gun in front of a residence that they don't belong at. "Deputies located the three kids, and it was found they were shooting off bottle rockets. No firearm was located, and they were spoken to about what they were doing," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response handled a UDAA (unlawful driving away automobile) in the City of Gobles. "A 2006 Kawasaki Eliminator motorcycle, blue in color with saddle bags, with the plate of VU259 was taken from a residence. Anyone with any information is asked to call our office," said Sheriff Abbott.

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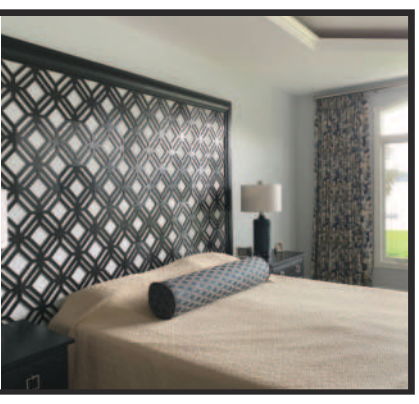

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Riverwoods Property acquisition moving forward

James Windell

The South Haven Area Recreation Authority (SHARA) received the news from Recreation Administrator Scott Reinert that the Riverwoods site is closer to being purchased.

Riverwoods is a site owned by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Located adjacent to the Kal-Haven Trail and Black River in South Haven Township, the DNR has owned the 49-acre site for more than 10 years and while the DNR had plans to develop the property for lodging and camping, that has never worked out.

In 2023, SHARA approached the DNR about allowing SHARA to purchase and develop the site as a community recreational park. After discussion with the DNR, it was agreed that SHARA would purchase the property. The initial step in the process was when SHARA submitted a Land Transfer Application to the DNR. All necessary application documents were completed in 2024 to comply with the DNR Land Exchange and Sale program.

Last year, Ross Stein, SHARA Board Chair, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We are thrilled that the DNR is working with SHARA on the sale of the Riverwoods property. The addition of this conveniently located 49-acre site to SHARA's growing recreational assets will provide a great location for recreational features clearly desired by the community."

During the June 17, 2025, meeting of the SHARA Board, Reinert said he was optimistic that SHARA would have the $343,750 needed to buy the Riverwoods property. According to Reinbert, South Haven Township was able to secure a $130,000 loan which will ensure that SHARA can complete the purchasse of Riverwoods.

"There are only two steps left," Reinert told the Board. "The first step is for the Natural Resources Commission Committee to issue final approveal of the sale and the second step is for the Director of the DNR to sign off on it."

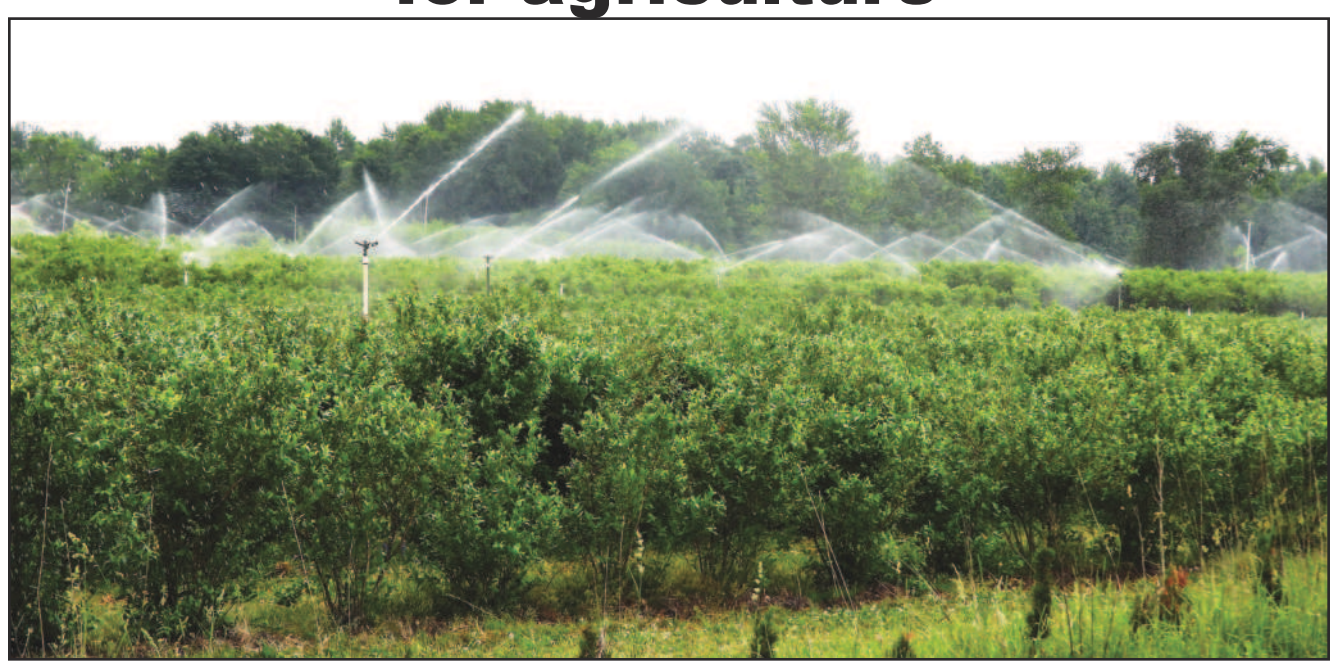
Reinert anticpates that these steps will happen soon. "I would anticipate we'll own the property by early September of this year," he said.

The plan for the site includes restoring the covered bridge, putting in a parking lot, adding a boardwalk, bulding a dog park, and consttucting pickleball courts, as well as completing a one-mile trail.

Fundraising for work on the site will take place later this year. Reinert reported that the work on the site can be completed in the next several months after the purchase is completed.

"I expect that we can open Riverwoods next summer so people can enjoy it," Reinert said.

Heat wave presents challenges for agriculture



The extended heat wave is presenting all sorts of challenges for the area agriculture community. The sprinkler system in this blueberry field in Casco Township of Allegan County was going full blast in recent days. pic by Tom Renner

Dancing to the Grease beat

Casco Band member Katelin Kohn dances as the "Pink Lady" during the Casco Band's arrangement of songs from "Grease" at the Ice Cream Social and Band Concert on Sunday, June 22 at the Historical Association of South Haven. pic by Tom Renner

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County Chiefs of Police Association present scholarships

Three scholarships were awarded by the Van Buren Chiefs of Police Association to three recipients, Nola Strausberg, Yoselin Cortez and Vanessa Alcarez. The three plan to continue their education in pursuit of careers in the field of criminal justice/law enforcement. Also, shown in the photo are Lawrence Chief of Police, Paul Bianco, Covert Chief of Police, Jay Allen, Lawton Chief of Police, Greg Cordes, South Haven Interim Chief of Police, Adam DeBoer and Van Buren Tech Law Enforcement Instructor, Jeff Malcolm.

Photo courtesy/ Van Buren County Chiefs of Police Association

Scott Club installs officers

The installation of the Board of Directors for the Scott Club for 2025-2026 took place on June17, 2025 at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Scott Club. Board Members are from left to right:
Treasurer Joan Hiddema, Secretary Judy Graff, President Carol Anderson Kunze, Vice President Anna Krajecki, Director Bess Biddle, Director Jay Campbell, Director Mari Fifelski, Director Libby Akehurst, Membership Chair Jo Ann Flowers. Missing from photo; Directors Megan Iussig and Judith Hansen, and Past President Joan Bonnette.

Canine reading?

Summer reading programs are popular for the out-of-school kids, but for canines! Our roving photographer caught this "library" on the front lawn of a South Haven Township residence. Seriously, check out the summer reading program at the South Haven Memorial Library -- https://www.shmlibrary.org/

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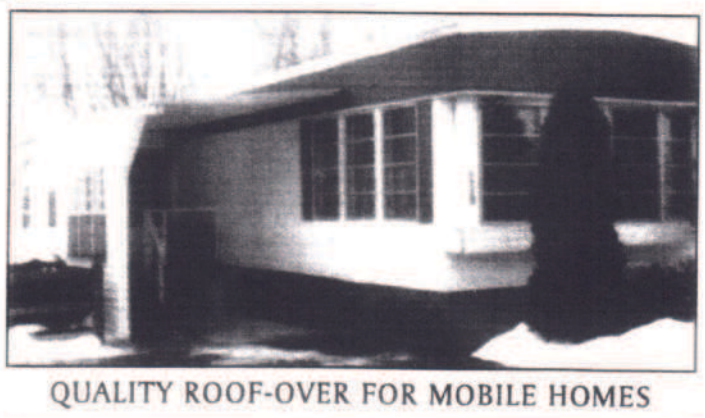

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Bangor mayor honors two citizens

By James Windell

Bangor Mayor Lynne Farmer honored two outstanding local citizens at recent Bangor City Council meetings.

On June 16, 2025, the mayor presented a proclamation to Bob Emmert, one of the original members of the Bangor Cemetery Committee.

Emmert's involvement with the Bangor Cemetery goes back many years, including his research and writing of his book "Bangor: Our History in Photographs," which was published in 2004.

"Bob lives across from the cemetery and he was instrumental in getting our semi-annual cleaning of the cemetery going," Farmer said. She said that his love for the cemetery includes his many walks through the cemetery to check on leaky spigots, downed tree branches, and his faithful cleaning and straightening of gravestones. Among the improvements Emmert has had a hand in were the project to replace old pillars, installing the new Veterans memorial in Arlington

Hill West, the refurbishing of the civil war cannon, and the constructing of a foundation for the cannon.

Emmert was involved in an initial fundraiser that brought in money for improvements in the cemetery and he lent a hand in the millage for maintenance of the cemetery. "We raised $10,000.00 in the first year and have raised over $25,000.00 in total," said Farmer, "and Bob helps us get the millage passed each time it comes up for renewal."

BOB EMMERT ACCEPTS PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR LYNNE FARMER

In honor of Emmert, the City of Bangor and the Bangor City Council declared June 16, 2025 as "Bob Emmert Day" in appreciation of his many years of service to the Cemetery Committee.

At a Bangor City Council meeting on June 2, 2025, a proclamation by Mayor Farmer was presented to Rosemary Weiss.

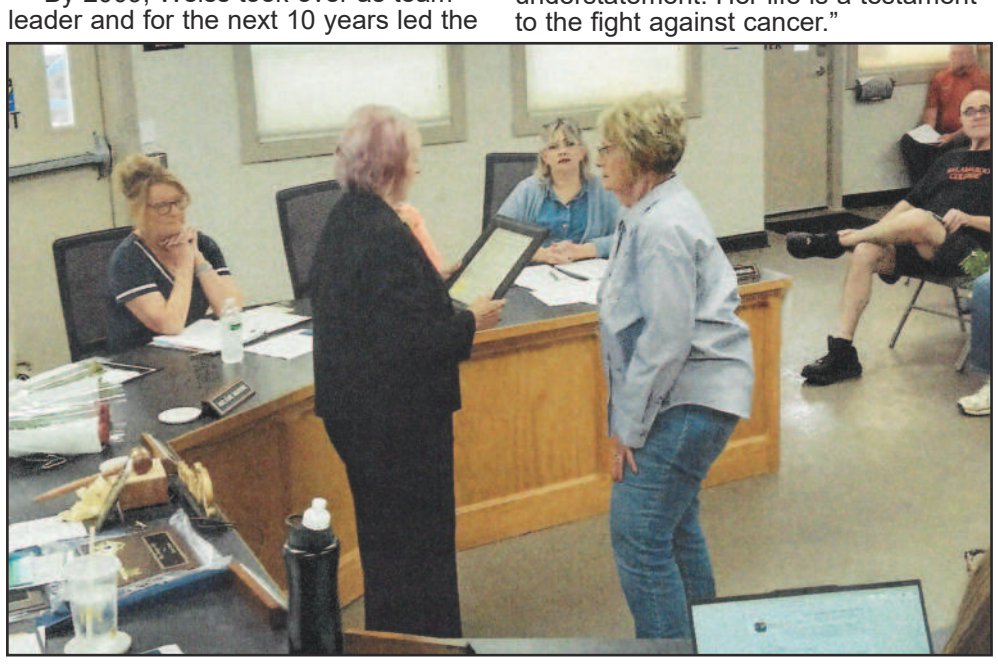
In 2007, Rosemary Weiss was a founding member of a "Relay for Life" team named "RailRoad Renegades." The team was formed to honor a man who was battling cancer.

By 2009, Weiss took over as team leader and for the next 10 years led the Relay for Life team as they transitioned to being involved in "Gold Together," the American Cancer Society's childhood cancer initiative.

Farmer describes Rosemary as a person who has a servant's heart. "She is always willing to help anyone with a need, and she saw cancer as a big need," Farmer said. "She has always helped in any way she could to raise funds for cancer."

During the 10 years as head of Relay for Life in Bangor, Weiss orchestrated ceremonies and events that brought attention to cancer and raised money. She helped organize and run the Bake Sales for Cancer for many years in the community and made sure that baked goods and goodies were abundantly available to sell for the cause of ending cancer. "For many years she was the person who put on the Relay for Life in Bangor," the Mayor said. "The bake sales were always before a holiday and people in Bangor loved them and gave generously."

Weiss has been battling bone cancer for the past year. "It is amazing that she has done so much in her life to help others with their struggles with cancer and now she has that very need herself," Farmer said. "It breaks my heart as her friend to know I can't do for her what she has done for so many others. Saying she has done so much good for others with cancer is an understatement. Her life is a testament to the fight against cancer."



BANGOR MAYOR PRESENTS ROSEMARY WEISS WITH PROCLAMATION

Summer events planned at the Van Buren County Historical Museum

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June 29, from noon to 5 p.m. - You will interview suspects in the 1916 murder of Lawton resident Maude Tabor at the Van Buren County Historical Museum, 58471 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford as Historical Society members, in 1916-era attire, portray suspects and community members. Will you help solve this mystery?

COUNTY POOR HOUSE EXPLAINED

July 6, at 2 p.m. - Historian Patience DeRoo explains the County Poor House in the very building that, until 1952, was the 44-room Van Buren County Poor House. Hear about its infirmary, farm, problems, and accomplishments at 58471 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford.

CLASSIC CAR, TRUCK AND TRACTOR SHOW AT COUNTY MUSEUM

July 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - New at Van Buren County Historical Museum, 58471 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford: Classic vehicles on display. Visitors will also enjoy live music and, if they like, wager on the 50/50 raffle drawing at 2 p.m. Vehicles please arrive at 9 a.m. for your no-registration-no-fee display spot.

PARANORMAL TOURS IN 44-ROOM COUNTY POOR HOUSE

July 12, 7 p.m . - It wasn't always enjoyable but the building at 58471 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford, until 1952, really was the County Poor House and rumors say there are ghosts at that building still. Come find out for yourself at the Van Buren County Historical Museum. RSVP at (269) 500-1450, $25 per person, limit 20 people.

SUMMER HOURS VAN BUREN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Through October, the 44-room museum of local history in Van Buren County, Michigan is open to visitors Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, noon to 5 p.m, at 58471 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford. Additional hours are now available for private tours, parties, and meetings by calling (269) 500-1450. Follow the museum on its Facebook page for special event dates and hours.

Bangor Vikings Trap Team places at state tournament

On Saturday June 14th, 2025, the Bangor Vikings Trap Team traveled to the Michigan Trapshooting Association grounds to compete in the 2025 Michigan State High School Clay Target League's State Tournament. This is the team's fourth visit to the tournament. Of the 14 members of the team, they had 9 qualify for Varsity (19+ average), 2 for Junior Varsity (15-18.99 average), and 3 for Novice (0-14.99 average). They were able to have a 5-person team to compete in the Varsity classification. The Varsity team (Abi Kruger, Jack Loomis, Porsha Tomsa, Drake Dittlinger, and Hayden Robertson) shot well (436/500) placing 23rd out of 29 Varsity teams, and 27th our of 58 total teams. All 14 team members shot at, or above, their season average.

For senior, and team co-captain, Abi Kruger, the event was bittersweet. Abi is one of the original members of the team. In her last High School Tournament, she led the team with a 93/100, ending in a two-way tie for 3rd place in the Varsity Female division. Abi will continue competing in shooting sports with the University of Olivet Clay Target Team this Fall.

The following awards were earned during the 2025 Spring League Competition:

Porsha Tomsa – 2nd Place Female Conference 5

Abi Kruger – 3rd Place Female Conference 5

Bangor Vikings Trap Team – 3rd Place Team Conference 5

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VIEWPOINT

Okay with bunker busters if they don't lead us to war

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
PUBLISHER

Dropping bunker buster bombs in Iran last week will go down in history as one of the best military operations ever. Our planes went to and left undetected after dropping the world's biggest bombs in an effort to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities built underground into the side of a mountain. We didn't target civilians or buildings, only nuclear facilities and the mission was wildly successful, so says our administration.

We had no choice, say proponents. Iran was going to have nuclear capabilities within months, and no one in the region, particularly Israel, could stand for that. Iran is a rogue regime, creating chaos all over the world.

Although I marvel at our military's operation, as well as what Israel had done in the last week, I'm concerned about the repercussions and the possibility of a protracted war. History has taught us in Viet Nam and Afghanistan, the United States cannot get involved in this type of war.

Supporters of the strike don't necessarily advocate for a full-blown war. Instead, they envision a limited, precise operation targeting critical facilities, especially those involved in uranium enrichment and weapons development. They argue such a move would buy time, disrupt Iran's momentum, and demonstrate the international community's red line is real. I can buy in to this. A quick operation is terrific- just no boots on the ground.

But there are compelling arguments against the bombing and any further action. Retaliation, civilian casualties and regional stability are often stated. Others wonder why we didn't try to continue diplomacy. There are now reports of sleeper cells in the U.S. that might attack some of our facilities. I suspect Iran will respond in some way, but I'm not sure they have the capability to do too much damage.

I would love nothing more than regime change. The fundamentalists that have ruled Iran and its people with an iron fist for nearly 50 years needs to change. 50 years ago, Iran was a progressive country adopting Western culture and ideals, but that ended when protests forced The Shah to escape to exile and the fundamentalists to take over.

However, regime change is not our concern. That is up to the Iranian people. Most Iranians oppose the fundamentalists, but they fear speaking out. Speaking against the regime could result in imprisonment, or death. But now, the regime is barely hanging on with most of their military might and leaders destroyed. It is possible that new opposition leadership will emerge from within. We can only hope.

But for those who support what we accomplished with the bunker busters, the greater danger lies in hesitation—waiting until Iran has crossed a nuclear threshold that cannot be undone. Whether or not one agrees with this viewpoint, it is a perspective rooted in a hard-nosed assessment of national security, historical precedent, and the limits of negotiation.

The question is no longer whether Iran's nuclear program poses a risk—but whether the cost of stopping it through force outweighs the cost of letting it continue. We chose action, versus appeasement, and I believe history will prove our actions to be right.

UPDATED: Since writing this opinion piece it appears President Trump has brokered a ceasefire between Israel and Iran. Our bunker buster strike did not cause an escalation of the war but actually brought the two sides to the negotiation table. Stay tuned. This is a developing story.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

The most popular male vocal duet in 1930s England was Flanagan and Allen. Their songs were light, filled with a bit of syncopation, close harmony and left audiences smiling with a renewed sense of hope.

Among their big hits was "Underneath the Arches," the story of two homeless and unemployed men who "slept rough" underneath the railroad arches. Another was "Run, Rabbit, Run" based on the food rationing during World War II.

In 1939, at the end of the Great Depression and just as Bavarian corporal Adolph Hitler was about to start the war, Flanagan and Allen brought out a new song "Are You Having Any Fun?" This one is timeless and applies today.

Many of us of a certain age grew up learning the fun had to be earned. Get your homework done first, then if there is time left you can go out and play. Get your chores done. then you can join your friends playing ball.

We also learned valuable lessons about thrift, saving our money and the need to make wise choices. Delayed gratification was a virtue. These were drilled into us in hopes that we would grow up to be thrifty, hardworking, patriotic Americans who would shove it to the Commies.

Sometimes, however, we learned those lessons too well. Like most self-destructive practices, it started out small and harmless.

Decades ago my classmate Blake saw a Charles Atlas ad in the back of an outdoors magazine. A person could sign up with him, get some special formulas and an exercise. In a matter of months anyone could become a muscle-bound hunk who would have a great social life.

Blake's parents told him if he wanted to do this, he had to earn the money.

He got some after school and weekend jobs, mainly lawn and garden work, then splitting firewood. He saved all his money until he had enough to become a young Charles Atlas. All that hard work and fresh air not only put money in his sock drawer, but created the body he wanted without having to spend his money.

So far, so good. By then, something had begun to take over his mind and worked hard to earn it. Blake became a miser.

His mother thought it might be a good idea if he had a social life. His answer was, "It would cost me money." When his mother offered to pay for a few dates, Blake suggested she give him the money so he could put it in his bank account. When she said he needed to have some fun, he told her that reading his savings deposit book was what he enjoyed most.

In short, Scrooge had nothing on Blake. I don't know if there was or ever will be a happy ending to his story, because he apparently has narrowed his life down to making and holding onto all of his money.

There are other stories like his. One of the most notorious misers was Hetty Green, the infamous "Witch of Wall Street." She was born into a rich Massachusetts family in 1834 and after her brother's death, her father was determined she would take over the family fortune and expand it. She did, becoming their accountant at age 13. She made a fortune, and was either held in high esteem or hated.

She married well and, to make sure she kept her own wealth, forced her fiancé to sign one of the first pre-nuptial agreements. When he died quite young, she became even more wealthy — and bizarre.

Hetty wore nothing but black mourning clothes until they were little more than rags. Soap and water were used sparsely and her meals were very plain. By the time she died in 1916, she had converted an original fortune of $6 million into more than $100 million in liquid assets, and even more in real estate. All told, she was worth more than $2 billion in today's money.

The entire estate was split between her two daughters, with nothing left for charity. or anything else. She also left instructions about never invading the principle and to use their money to make even more.

According to the newspapers, her daughters knew how to have fun and went through a sizeable chunk of the estate before they died. Good for them.

That takes us back to Flanagan and Allen. "You silly old so and so, with all your dough, are you having any fun? What are you getting out of living?" their song asked. "What good is what you've got if you're not having any fun?

"Are you having any laughs? Are you getting any loving? If other people do it, so can you, have a little fun," the duo sang.

Sometimes we too closely associate having fun with spending money. To be sure, that can be the case. But let's say your dream has always been to go to a professional ballgame.

If you want the major leagues, you have three easy choices: Detroit or the two teams in Chicago. By the time the game is over you may have gone through a lot of money. And much of the time if you look closely at the players, they don't seem to be having a lot of fun playing the grand old game.

But go to a minor league game, or some of the local baseball and softball league games, and the players are having fun. So is the crowd.

If art is your hobby, going to big museums can be costly, but every community with a gallery or two has openings and showings of new artists.

One evening a month Ox-Bow School of the Arts in Saugatuck opens up for the public, where guests can wander in and out of studios or buy new art for a reasonable price. Add a stroll through all of the local galleries and summer art shows.

The list goes on. Being intentional about making time to have fun is the real ticket to a balanced life.

Here's an idea: Have some fun by annoying people with the question, "Are you having any fun?" or "Are we having fun yet?"

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SPORTS

Roethlisberger lacrosse standout

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — JT Roethlisberger was a junior this season for Mattawan's lacrosse team and is looking forward to his senior season.

This was his third year for the lacrosse team.

"We played really well together," he said. "Our defense played well the whole season. We've played together for awhile."

This was the best record the team has had and went the farthest in school history before losing 20-11 in the state semifinals to Country Day.

"During the first half we played really well together," Roethlisberger said. "We got a little bit depleted when we got a penalty and they scored. It was a hard fought battle. I don't think the score reflects how well we played."

Roethlisberger played half the team's games at goalkeeper.

The key to being a good goaltender "is being mentally strong," he said, "allowing a goal to go in and let it go."

He has been a goalkeeper for six seasons. He thought the best game he played was in the regionals.

"We can have another good season next year," he said.

JT Roethlisberger is also a skier and tennis player.

JT Roethlisberger was a standout this season for Mattawan lacrosse

Gobles cheerleaders enjoyed huge success

Gobles is pictured during its round 3 performance at WMU.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

GOBLES — When the 2024-25 sports season finally came to an end, freshman Bella Laughlin could safely say it was a good one.

Laughlin also performed in competitive cheer during the seventh and eighth grades. She found cheer at the high school level to be more challenging, demanding and time consuming.

"We did a couple of camps for it here and there during the summer," Laughlin recalled.

She has been a flyer for Gobles cheer.

The key to being a strong flyer, Laughlin said, "is to keep a strong core," and to be trusting and relying on her teammates. She was in all three rounds.

"We had a really good strong team," Laughlin said.

Fourth place was the highest Gobles finished at a meet

During the season, "we improved a lot. On a scale of one through 10, I would say we improved from a 2 to like a 10."

All aspects of cheer got better for the Gobles team, Laughlin said.

The third round was the best, Laughlin said. Round 2 is shorter round, "and we didn't have a lot of time to do a lot of things with it, she added.

Laughlin indicate several seniors will graduate for Gobles and it will be a building year of sorts.

"I feel we can do just as well," Laughlin said. "We need a lot more practice."

Laughlin and is also in volleyball and track. She indicated cheer and volleyball are her top ones. She's a hitter in volleyball. She does short distances in track and also long jump. She played softball in middle school and wanted to join her friends on the track team in high school.

"I think I'll do well in the long jump," she said coming into the season. "I've been working on it and am pretty good in it."

South Haven senior celebrates strong sports career

Mickey Yelding celebrated his 100th career wrestling win this season.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — He graduated from South Haven this spring but Mikey Yelding made quite an impact on the sports program, and particularly in wrestling.

Yelding was a 150-pound senior for South Haven's wrestling team.

"The biggest highlight for me and the team this year was sending four wrestlers to state and having them all place," Yelding said. "My keys for success were having good support from my family, fans, coaches and teammates. My favorite match of the year was my third match against Landon Vance-Coulson. In our third match, he beat me by a big margin. Then in our next match, I beat him by a large margin. In our third match we both went out there fifth and nothing to lose in the blood round at state. I came out on top 10-6."

"Yelding wrapped up his high school career as a state placer, taking sixth place in ivision 3 at 150 pounds," coach Brad Adamson noted. "Mikey finished this season with a 42-12 record. He had an impressive 124-65 overall record with a whopping 290 career takedowns. Mikey was also a team captain, two time district champion and three-time conference place winner for the Rams."

"Next year will be somewhat of a rebuilding year for the team," Yelding said. "The team will have to find new leaders. I'm not sure what role I'll have with this team next year but I'll definitely be around. My strengths on the mat were neutral wrestling. There weren't many people who could beat me neutral.

"I'm looking to improve my wrestling on the ground. That's the one aspect that's always held me back. Wrestling is my favorite sport. Wrestling is really the only sport I've ever taken seriously."

Mattawan lacrosse player headed to St. Johns

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Mattawan advanced to the state semifinals in lacrosse this season and among the reasons for that success was the standout play of Brody Hergott.

It was his senior season.

Mattawan lost to Detroit Country Day 20-11 in a state semifinal game.

"They're a very talented squad," Hergott said. "We came out and played well. We shocked them a little bit at the start. I don't think they were ready for us to come out firing like that. But unfortunately we made a couple of mistakes.

"We gave them a chance to get back into the game and that's what they did. They were a toned team with as great of a roster they had. We did the best we could and fought hard all the way to the end. I'm proud of the team for that."

Mattawan had an 18-2 record.

Hergott played varsity lacrosse for three yeas. He moved to Mattawan his sophomore year and played varsity ever since."

He's played lacrosse since the elementary grades.

"I played midfield most of my life," he said. "Up until a few years ago I started playing attack in high school. Midfield is a little bit more about getting up and down the field and playing a little bit of defense and paying some offense as well. Attacking is all offense and taking on more of a scoring role and quarterback role compared to midfield.

"I think I was able to secure the ball well and it was nice to be on the field . I was able to be a good leader of the offense. We had the team's first playoff win in 23 years over Lansing Everett."

Hergott had quite a few goals for the season and two in the semifinals.

Hergott also enjoys football which he said was his second sport behind lacrosse.

He will be studying finance and playing lacrosse at St. John's University in the fall. He committed during his 11th high school season.

"I'm super excited to get out there," Hergott said.

Paw Paw golfers 14th at regionals

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — Paw Paw's golf team endedits season at the regionals with a 14th place finish recently.

Bryce Barnett was Paw Paw's top golfer at that meet with an 86 for 42nd place, followed by Aydn Roth, who was 45th with an 87 Jalen Cole who shot a 90 for 62nd, Oliver Soininen who was 82nd with an 97 and Patrick Marks who was 92nd with a 104.

Paw Paw golfers were also in the Wolverine Conference Championship tournament recently at Pineview Golf Course.Vicksburg won it with a 308 followed by Otsego at 323, Edwardsburg at 333, Plainwell at 343, Niles at 344, Three Rivers at 360 and Paw Paw, seventh at 369.

Barnett was 17th for Paw Paw with an 86, while Roth was 19th at 87, Patrick Marks was 37th at 98, Eric Fitchpatrick 42nd at 104, Ezekiel Gonzalez 46th at 110 and Anderson Farnquist 37th at 98.

Paw Paw also played in the Southern Michigan JV. Championship and took 18th with a 399.

For Paw Paw, Farnquist was 81st with a 91, Simon Geffre 82nd with 99, PJ DeYoung 89th with a 101, Richard Phelps 106 for 108th and Caleb Kenyon 112th with a 114.

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John Gernaat & son Greenhouse
Jon Armiger
Justice Fence
Karleigh and Brock Stamp
Keith & Tammy Dykstra
Kenton Rauwerdink
Keystone Cooperative
Kimberly & Jonny Jermyn
Klett Development
Klett Recycle
L & L auto Salvage LLC
Labrador Farm
Lawton Pallet Service
Lefor Farms
Lengendery Landwork
Little Blessings Child Care
M & W Seed - Darren Bailey
M & W Seeds
Madgyesi Farms
Maggie Turner
Matt & Michele Butler
Michigan Mixed Animal Veterinarian Services
Michigan Paving and Materials Co.
Midwest Energy & Communications
Molnar Construction
Nesbitt Farms - In memory of Gordon Nesbitt
Nobel Family Dairy LLC
Nutrien Ag Solutions
Nutrien Ag Solutions
Omni Credit Union
Owsiany Farm
Oxbow Bend Farms
Paw Paw Conservation Club
Personal Touch Lawncare
Pickle Street Veterinary Services
Pillar Manufacturing
Pri Mar Petroleum/Weber Oil Service
Pursley Construction
Quality Assured Plastics
Quality Cannibis Company
Quality Cylinder
R.W. Lapine, INC
Rainmaker Irrigation & Farm Services
Red Arrow Dairy
Rhonda Kling
Rick Poest
Riverbend Cattle
Rodney Strefling
Rokos Farms LLC
Roy Farms
Salvatore & Denise Campagna
Santa
Schantz Farms & Withers Family
Scott Flick Concrete Construction
Sharpe Lawn Care
Sheriff Dan Abbott
Shoemaker Garage
Sill Farms Market
Smokin Butcher
Sokolowski Collision Center
Southwestern MI Dust Control
Southwestern Michigan College
Steven Shultz
Straightline Red Angus
Tammy & Keith Dykstra
Taylor Stewart
The Wash Tub Laundry Mat
Tim & Nicole Schipper
TNT Farms
Travis & Kristy Gumpert
Tree Busters and More LLC
Truck Services- Hamilton MI
Turner Farms
Van Buren Conservation District
Van Buren County Farm Bureau
Van Buren County Leaders Association
W F Wells
Watervliet Fruit Exchange
Wheatfield Grain
Wilbur- Ellis
Wilbur-Ellis Three Rivers
Williams Dairy Farm
Wolf Kubota
Wolff Electric
Woody's Electric
WTW Enterprise
Wyatt Gumpert
Yarbrough Electric

2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF DECATUR

WATER QUALITY DATA

Water quality monitoring is a crucial aspect to protecting water resources. Under the Clean Water Act, state, tribal and federal agencies monitor lakes, streams, rivers, and other types of water bodies to determine water quality condition. The data generated from these monitoring activities help water resource managers know where pollution problems exist, where to focus pollution control energies and where progress has been made.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Reporting year: 2024

This report covers the drinking water quality for the Village of Decatur for the 2024 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of water that we provided to you in 2024. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from three groundwater wells located within the Village Limits. Well #2 is 116' deep, Well #3 is 192' deep, and Well #4 is 192' deep. All Wells draw from a Drift clay-covered aquifer system. Our water is pumped fresh from these wells, and no treatment is utilized at this time. The State of Michigan has performed an assessment of our source water. Such assessment was completed on all of the sources of drinking water across the country that provide water to 25 people or more. Each system's Wells were given a rating based on how susceptible the source water is to contamination from identified sources. This will help communities understand the potential threats to their water supplies and prioritize needs for protecting the water from contamination. This does not mean that your water is or will become contaminated. The possible susceptibility rating ranges from low to very high; the rating for the Wells in the Village of Decatur is moderately high. A complete copy of this report is available at the Decatur Village Hall.

The Village of Decatur is making efforts to protect our sources by participating in a Wellhead Protection Program, completed in September 2015.
If you would like to know more about the report, please contact The Village of Decatur.

Contaminants and their presence in water:
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

Vulnerability of sub-populations:
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons, such as individuals with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

Sources of drinking water:
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
- **Microbial contaminants,** such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants,** such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides,** which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants,** which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants,** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

WATER QUALITY DATA

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1- December 31, 2023. The state allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some fields are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **N/A:** Not applicable.
- **ND:** Not detectable at testing limit.
- **Ppb:** Parts per billion or micrograms per liter.
- **Ppm:** Parts per million or milligrams per liter.
- **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detection	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	3.1	N/A	8-2-18	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	<0.10	<0.020	8-15-23	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	<0.16	<0.10 <0.16	8-15-23	NO	Erosion of narutal deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	24	5.9-28	8-15-23	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Regulated Contaminant	**MCL**	**MCLG**	**Level Detection**	**Range**	**Year Sampled**	**Violation Yes/No**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
Total Coliform (total number of % of positive samples/ month)	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	0- Oct. 20 2023	NO	Naturally present in the enviroment
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	ND	N/A	8-18-16	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	0.716	ND-3.47	8-31-22	NO	Erosion of natural deposits

*** 90 percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.*
**** Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.*

Information about lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Decatur is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead

Water Service Line Investigations: As per the amended Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, water supplies must create and maintain a Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory (CDSMI) and submit it to EGLE by January 1, 2025. Part of the CDSMI is the investigation of individual water service lines. To get a better understanding of the water service lines in a community, EGLE has developed a randomized testing method based on the number of total services. Each randomly selected home must be physically verified externally, at the curb stop, and internally, where the service enters the home. All community water supplies with lead or galvanized service lines previously connected to lead (GPCL) must replace those service lines at a rate averaging 5% per year and must be completed by 2040. Preliminary investigations occurred within the Village from Summer 2023 to Spring 2024 and are complete.

PER-AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminant	**MCL, TT, or MRDL**	**MCLG or MRDLG**	**Level Detected**	**Range**	**Year Sampled**	**Violation Yes/No**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-SA) (ppt)	370	N/A	<2.0	<1.8- <2.0	2024	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	<2.0	<1.8- <2.0	2024	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Perfluorohexane sulfonic scid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	<2.0	<1.8- <2.0	2024	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfuorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	<2.0	<1.8- <2.0	2024	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	<2.0	<1.8- <2.0	2024	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds
Perfluorooctane sulfanic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	<2.0	<1.8- <2.0	2024	No	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluoroocatane acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	<2.0	<1.8- <2.0	2024	No	Discharge and waste from industrial
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	**Action Level**	**MCLG**	**Your Water[4]**	**Range of Results**	**Year Sampled**	**Number of Samples Above AL**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
Lead (ppn)	15	0	0	N/A	2024	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0	N/A	2024	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Our water supply has 285 lead service lines and zero service lines of unknown material out of 692 service lines. If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: John Small, Village of Decatur, 114 N. Phelps St., Decatur, MI 49045, 269-423-6114, village@decaturmi.us.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY (EGLE) Requirements: The state and EPA require us to test our water regularly to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023. We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at the Decatur Village Hall (114 N. Phelps St. Decatur MI). This report will not be sent to you unless requested. We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Village of Decatur Council Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Jimmy Ebeling at 269-423-6114 or go to the Village of Decatur Website to view the current and prior Decatur CCRs (https://decaturmi.org/how_do_i/forms.php#outer-77). For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
LIVING TRUST OF EDWARD KUCINICH AND FLORENCE J. KUCINICH
DATED JULY 28, 1993

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Grantors, EdwardKucinich and Florence J. Kucinich, lived at 23440 East McGillen, Mattawan, MI 49071. Edward Kucinich died on October 12, 2011, and Florence J. Kucinich died on May 23, 2025.

No estate has been filed with any probate court, and it is anticipated that no estate will be filed with any probate court, there being no assets requiring probate. Creditors of Florence J. Kucinich are notified that all claims against Florence J. Kucinich, or the Living Trust of Edward Kucinich and Florence J. Kucinich,

dated July 28, 1993, will be forever barred unless presented to Jacquelyn Davis, Trustee of the Living Trust of Edward Kucinich and Florence J. Kucinich, at 1398 Palmetto Drive, Portage, MI 49002, or Attorney CHRISTOPHER MORAITIS, or both, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: June 17, 2025

SCHUITMAKER MORAITIS LAW OFFICE, P.C.
CHRISTOPHER MORAITIS (P87052)
Attorney for Jacquelyn Davis, Trustee
181 West Michigan Avenue, Ste 1
Post Office Box 520
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-3177

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Grantors, Daniel W. Curry (date of birth 02/02/1941) and Wilma J. Curry (date of birth 09/21/1943), who lived at 4611 Thistle Mill Court, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006, died May 4, 2025, and November 5, 2022, respectively. There is no personal representative of the Grantors' estates to whom Letters of Administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedents are notified that all claims against the Daniel W. and Wilma J. Curry Trust dated March 25, 1988, as restated November 17, 2008, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Patrick W. Curry at 433 Pembroke Court, Deerfield, Illinois 60015-4062, Trustee, within four months after the date of this publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: June 20, 2025

Patrick W. Curry, Trustee
433 Pembroke Court
Deerfield, IL 60015-4062
(847) 943-7748

County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Gerrit Peter Oppenhuizen; Atty: QUINTAIROS PRIETO WOOD & BOYER - QUINTAIROS PRIETO WOOD & BOYER; 1st Pub: 6/5/2025; Atty File #: MI-005529-25; Insurer: (unknown)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT: Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 P.M., on July 24, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerrit Peter Oppenhuizen a/k/a Gerrit P. Oppenhuizen, the original Mortgagor; and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, the original Mortgagee; dated May 16, 2016, and recorded on May 18, 2016, in Liber 1636, at Page 341, in Van Buren County Records, Michigan; and last assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the Foreclosing Assignee; as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2019, and recorded on August 7, 2019, in Liber 1687, at Page 614, in Van Buren County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One and 55/100 U.S. Dollars ($60,581.55). Said premise is situated at 11111 32nd Street, Gobles, MI 49055, in the Township of Pine Grove, Van Buren County, Michigan, and is described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TOWNSHIP OF PINE GROVE, COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 8 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE 979.09 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 2 DEGREES 8 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE 340.25 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 385.28 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 8 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 340.25 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST 385.28 FEET TO THE WEST SECTION LINE AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 for damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: 05/27/2025 For More Information, please call: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorneys for Servicer 255 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900 Orlando, Florida 32801 (855) 287-0240 Matter No. MI-005529-25

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County: Van Buren; Mtgr: Danny J Clendenin; Atty: ALAW - ALAW; 1st Pub: 6/5/2025; Atty File #: 24-031214; Insurer: (unknown)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on July 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagors: Danny J & Angelene Clendenin, a husband and wife Original Mortgagee: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture Date of mortgage: March 13, 2012 Recorded on March 15, 2012, Book 1563, on Page 519. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine and 30/100 Dollars ($131,789.30) Mortgaged premises: Located in the Township of Antwerp, Van Buren County and described as: LOT 32, WOODHENGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 6 OF PLATS, ON PAGE 27, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR VAN BUREN COUNTY. Commonly known as 22327 Woodhenge Dr, Mattawan MI 49071 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961 pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. ALAW 5404 Cypress Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609 (813) 221-4743 24-031214

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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: HEATHER GIBSON; ATTY: ORLANS; 1ST PUB: 6/12/2025; ATTY FILE #: 25-005744; INSURER: GNMA

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on JULY 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heather Gibson, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2021 and recorded April 2, 2021 in Liber 1716, Page 408 Van Buren County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Fourteen and 20/100 Dollars ($123,014.20).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on JULY 10, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Village of Decatur, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as: The Northerly 75 feet of the Westerly 150 feet of Lot 11, Block 6, Village of Decatur, Van Buren County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 31, Van Buren County Records.

310 N John St, Decatur, Michigan 49045

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 12, 2025
File No. 25-005744
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, Michigan, starting promptly at one o'clock in the afternoon on 17th day of July, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The mortgage was made by MITCHELL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NO. SIX, a Michigan limited partnership, MITCHELL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NO. FIVE, a Michigan limited partnership, DECATUR PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, GROW BLUE, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, K FARM HOLDINGS, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, THOMAS R. MITCHELL, as TRUSTEE of the THOMAS R. MITCHELL TRUST u/t/a dated August 21, 2000 and K HOG HOLDINGS, LLC a Michigan limited liability company (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated July 2, 2019, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Van Buren County, Michigan on July 12, 2019, in Liber 1686, Page 525 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of a default under the conditions of the Mortgage, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Thirteen Million Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight and 68/1000 Dollars ($13,031,878.68). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Townships of Bangor and Covert, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

PARCEL 10: That part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Town 2 South, Range 17 West, described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds East, on the North Section line, 1315.06 feet to the East line of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 01 degree 11 minutes 32 seconds West, on same, 2626.49 feet to the East and West Quarter line; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds West, on same, 657.53 feet to the East line of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 01 degree 11 minutes 32 seconds East, on same, 1311.60 feet to the North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 22 seconds West, on same, 657.53 feet to the West Section line; thence North 01 degree 11 minutes 41 seconds East, on same, 706.19 feet; thence South 80 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds East 626.21 feet; thence North 09 degrees 53 minutes 01 second East 146.01 feet; thence North 31 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds West 298.06 feet; thence North 80 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds West 485.11 feet to the West Section line; thence North 01 degree 11 minutes 41 seconds East, on same, 229.12 feet to the place of beginning. Tax Item No. 80-07-036-001-11

PARCEL 27: The West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Town 2 South, Range 17 West, according to the Government Survey thereof. Tax Item No. 80-07-036-002-00

PARCEL 29: Beginning at the South Quarter post of Section 20, Town 2 South, Range 16 West, according to the Government Survey thereof; thence North, along the Quarter line, 443.2 feet; thence South 87 degrees 14 minutes West 632.9 feet to a line which is 24 feet East of and parallel to the West line of the East Half of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 06 minutes East, along the last described line, 414.98 feet to the South line of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 20 seconds East, along the South line of said Section, 631.4 feet to the point of beginning. Tax Item No. 80-04-020-013-00

Mortgagor hereby further grants to Mortgagee, a security interest, as security for the payment of all indebtedness of the Mortgagor to Mortgagee in certain property generally described as: all grain handling facilities and equipment, scales, crop dryers, grain storage facilities, elevators, augers, conveyors, power units, fuel storage, electrical controls and testing equipment with replacements, additions and similar equipment hereafter acquired, located on and affixed to the above described real estate. This security interest is being given pursuant to the Michigan Uniform Commercial Code to secure the above described items. In case of default, the Mortgagee (Secured Party) shall have all remedies as provided under said code and under the other terms and conditions of this mortgage, and may proceed upon any security liened to it, either concurrently or separately, in any manner it may elect.

Mortgagor hereby further grants to Mortgagee a security interest, as security for the payment of all indebtedness of Mortgagor to Mortgagee in certain property generally described as: all feed storage and handling systems, feeders, waterers, water handling systems and medication injection systems, manure handling and storing systems, farrowing equipment, pens, swine nursery equipment, ventilating, lighting and heating systems, auxiliary power system, electrical control systems with replacements, additions and similar equipment hereafter acquired, located and affixed to the above described real estate. This security interest is being given pursuant to the Michigan Uniform Commercial Code to secure the above described items. In case of default, the Mortgagee (Secured Party) shall have all remedies as provided under said code and under the other terms and conditions of this mortgage, and may proceed upon any security liened to it, either concurrently or separately, in any manner it may elect.

Mortgagor hereby further grants to Mortgagee a security interest, as security for the payment of all indebtedness of the Mortgagor to Mortgagee in certain property generally described as: all irrigation equipment, including but not limited to, pumps, gear heads, power units, water distribution and sprinkler systems, fertilizer and chemical injection systems, electrical systems and controls with replacements, additions and similar equipment hereafter acquired, located on and affixed to the above described real estate. This security interest is being given pursuant to the Michigan Uniform Commercial Code to secure the above described items. In case of default, the Mortgagee (Secured Party) shall have all remedies as provided under said code and under the other terms and conditions of this mortgage, and may proceed upon any security liened to it, either concurrently or separately, in any manner it may elect.

Mortgagor hereby further grant to Mortgagee a security interest, as security for the payment of all indebtedness of the Mortgagor to Mortgagee in certain property generally described as: "Fixture language" located on and affixed to the above described real estate. Feed mill together with all grinding equipment, tanks, containers, storage systems, mixing equipment, augers, conveyors, belts, pipes, material transfer systems, and related fixtures and/or equipment together with all parts, tools, attachments, supplies, accessories, and similar equipment required to utilize systems, and replacements, additions and similar equipment hereafter acquired. All fruit storage, handling, and processing systems, facilities, and equipment, including, but not limited to: cooling equipment, scrubbers, compressors, condensers, nitrogen generators, computers and computer monitoring equipment, packing line and packing related equipment and fixtures, together with all parts, tools, attachments, supplies, accessories, and similar equipment required to utilize systems and replacements, additions and similar equipment hereafter acquired.

Together with (a) all the estate, title, interest, and rights of Borrower in the premises and all buildings and improvements of every kind and description now or later placed on the premises; (b) all of the rents, profits, and leases of the premises and the tenements, hereditaments, easements, privileges, and appurtenance with respect to the premises; (c) all goods (including furniture, fixtures, equipment and appliances) and general intangibles now owned or later acquired by Borrower and now or later related to, affixed to, attached to, placed on, or used in any way in connection with the ownership, use, occupancy, or operation of the premises; (d) all of Borrower's rights, title and interest in, to and under all present and future land contracts, sales agreements or option agreements relating to the premises; (e) and all rights to make divisions of the premises that are exempt from the platting requirements of the Michigan Land Division Act, as it is amended.

Commonly known as: 67138 40th Ave., Bangor, MI 49013

P.P. 80-707-036-001-11 (Parcel 10); 80-70-036-002-00 (Parcel 27); 80-04-020-013-00 (Parcel 29)

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale. If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Dated: June 11, 2025

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, Michigan, starting promptly at one o'clock in the afternoon on 17th day of July, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The mortgage was made by MITCHELL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NO. SIX, a Michigan limited partnership, MITCHELL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NO. FIVE, a Michigan limited partnership, DECATUR PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, GROW BLUE, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, K FARM HOLDINGS, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, THOMAS R. MITCHELL, as TRUSTEE of the THOMAS R. MITCHELL TRUST u/t/a dated August 21, 2000 and K HOG HOLDINGS, LLC a Michigan limited liability company (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated July 2, 2019, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Van Buren County, Michigan on July 12, 2019, in Liber 1686, Page 525 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of a default under the conditions of the Mortgage, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Thirteen Million Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight and 68/1000 Dollars ($13,031,878.68). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Village of Decatur, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

PARCEL 19: Lot 8, Block N of Decatur, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31 of Van Buren County Records. Tax Item No. 80-43-040-456-00

PARCEL 20: Lot 9, Block N of Decatur, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31 of Van Buren County Records. Tax Item No. 80-43-040-457-00

PARCEL 21: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block G of Decatur, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31 of Van Buren County Records and formerly described as the following parcels: Parcel A: Commencing at the Northeasterly corner of Block G of the Village of Decatur, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31, Van Buren County Records; thence Southerly, along the Easterly line of said Block File Number: 840865 G, 85.92 feet to a point 87 feet Northerly from the Southeasterly corner of said Block; thence Westerly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Block G, 99 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with the Easterly line of said Block G, 85.92 feet to the Southerly line of Sherwood Street; thence Easterly, on same, to beginning. Parcel B: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 2, Block G of the Village of Decatur, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31, Van Buren County Records; thence Southerly, along the Westerly line of said lot, 98.92 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Block G, 30 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with the Easterly line of said Block G, 13 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Block G, 3 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with the Easterly line of said Block G, to the Northerly line of said Block G; thence Westerly, on the Northerly line of said Block G, to the place of beginning. Parcel C: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block G of the Village of Decatur, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31, Van Buren County Records; thence Westerly, on the Southerly line of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and being the Northerly line of railroad land, 239 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with the Easterly line of said Block G, 60 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Block G, 71 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with the Easterly line of said Block G, 14 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Block G, 66 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with the Easterly line of said Block G, 13 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the Southerly line of said Block G, 102 feet to the Easterly line of Block G; thence Southerly on same 87 feet to the beginning. ALSO Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot 1, Block G, said plat; thence Northerly, on the Easterly line of same, 87 feet; thence Easterly, at right angles, 2.7 feet; thence Southerly, parallel with the Easterly line of said Block G, 87 feet; thence Westerly 2.7 feet to beginning. Parcel D: The Northerly 6 rods of Lot 3, Block G of the Village of Decatur, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31, Van Buren County Records. Parcel E: The Northerly 7 rods of Lot 4, Block G of the Village of Decatur, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31, Van Buren County Records. Except Commencing at the Southeasterly corner of the Northerly 7 rods of said Lot 4; thence Northerly 1.10 feet; thence Westerly 41 feet; thence Southerly 1.10 feet; thence Easterly 41 feet to beginning. Parcel F: The Northwesterly 14 feet of the Southeasterly 74 feet of the Southwesterly 30 feet of Lot 3, Block G of the Village of Decatur, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31, Van Buren County Records. Parcel G: The Southwesterly 25 feet of the Southeasterly 60 feet of Lot 4, Block G, of the Village of Decatur, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31, Van Buren County Records. Tax Item No. 80-43-040-375-00

PARCEL 22: Part of the Railroad grounds of the recorded plat of Decatur, Section 20, Town 4 South, Range 14 West, Village of Decatur, Van Buren County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the Southerly right of way line of Sherwood Street, which is South 56 degrees West 590.00 feet from the intersection of the Southerly right of way line of Sherwood Street and the Westerly right of way line of George Street; thence South 34 degrees East 179.00 feet, parallel to the Westerly right of way line of George Street, to the Northerly right of way line of the railroad; thence Southwesterly, along said Northerly right of way line, being along a 740.69 foot radius curve to the left 73.67, said curve having a long chord bearing and distance of South 43 degrees 38 minutes 45 seconds West 73.64 feet; thence along said railroad right of way and a 713.05 foot radius curve to the right 189.27, said curve having a long chord bearing and distance of South 48 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds West 188.71 feet; thence South 56 degrees West 108.00 feet along the Northerly right of way line of said railroad; thence North 34 degrees West 69.72 along the Easterly right of way line of Park Street; thence North 56 degrees East 315.00 feet parallel with the Southerly right of way of Sherwood Street; thence North 34 degrees West 150.00 feet parallel with the Easterly right of way line of Park Street; thence North 56 degrees East 52.0 feet, along the Southerly right of way line of Sherwood Street, to the point of beginning. Tax Item No. 80-43-085-065-20

PARCEL 23: Beginning at a point in the Southerly line of Sherwood Street which is South 56 degrees West a distance of 150.0 feet from the intersection of the Southerly line of Sherwood Street and the Westerly line of George Street; thence South 34 File Number: 840865 degrees East, parallel with the Westerly line of George Street, a distance of 126.0 feet to a point; thence North 56 degrees East, parallel with the Southerly line of Sherwood Street, a distance of 150.0

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feet to a point in the Westerly line of George Street; thence South 34 degrees East, along said line of George Street, a distance of 36.38 feet to a point distant 15 feet in a Northwesterly direction from the centerline of a track of railroad formerly of The Michigan Central Railroad Company; thence parallel with said centerline of track the following four courses and distances: South 55 degrees 13 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 477.76 feet to a point, Southwesterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 740.59 feet the chord of which bears South 48 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds West for a length of 186.04 feet, the arc distance of 186.53 feet to a point of reverse curve, Southwesterly on a curve to the right, having a radius of 713.05 feet the chord of which bears South 48 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds West for a length of 188.71 feet, the arc distance of 189.27 feet to a point and South 56 degrees West a distance of 108.0 feet to a point in the Easterly line of Park Street; thence North 34 degrees West, along the Easterly line of Park Street, a distance of 69.72 feet to a point; thence North 56 degrees East, parallel with the Southerly line of Sherwood Street, a distance of 315.0 feet to a point; thence North 34 degrees West, parallel with the Easterly line of Park Street, a distance of 150.0 feet to a point in the Southerly line of Sherwood Street; thence North 56 degrees East, along the Southerly line of Sherwood Street, a distance of 492.0 feet to the place of beginning. EXCEPT part of the Railroad grounds of the recorded plat of Decatur, Section 20, Town 4 South, Range 14 West, Village of Decatur, Van Buren County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the Southerly right of way line of Sherwood Street which is South 56 degrees West 590.00 feet from the intersection of the Southerly right of way line of Sherwood Street and the Westerly right of way line of George Street; thence South 34 degrees East 179.00 feet, parallel to the Westerly right of way line of George Street, to the Northerly right of way line of the Railroad; thence Southwesterly, along said Northerly right of way line, being along a 740.69 foot radius curve to the left 73.67 feet, said curve having a long chord bearing and distance of South 43 degrees 38 minutes 45 seconds West 73.64 feet; thence along said Railroad right of way and a 713.05 foot radius curve to the right 189.27 feet, said curve having a long chord bearing and distance of South 48 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds West 188.71 feet; thence South 56 degrees West 108.0 feet along the Northerly right of way line of said Railroad; thence North 34 degrees West 69.72 feet along the Easterly right of way line of Park Street; thence North 56 degrees East 315.0 feet parallel with the Southerly right of way of Sherwood Street; thence North 34 degrees West 150.0 feet parallel with the Easterly right of way line of Park Street; thence North 56 degrees East 52.0 feet, along the Southerly right of way line of Sherwood Street, to the point of beginning. Tax Item No. 80-43-085-065-10

PARCEL 24: Beginning at the intersection of the Southerly line of Sherwood Street with the Westerly line of George Street, in the Village of Decatur, Van Buren County, Michigan according to the 1905 recorded Plat thereof; thence Westerly, along the Southerly line of said Sherwood Street, 150 feet; thence Southerly, parallel to the Westerly line of said George Street, 126 feet; thence Easterly, parallel to the Southerly line of said Sherwood Street, 150 feet to the Westerly line of said George Street; thence Northerly, along the Westerly line of said George Street, 126 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Town 4 South, Range 14 West, according to the Government Survey thereof. Tax Item No. 80-43-085-034-00

PARCEL 25: Lots 6, 5 and part of Lot 4, all Block O of Decatur, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31 of Van Buren County Records, described as: Commencing at the Northeasterly corner of Lot 1 of said Block O; thence South 56 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the Northwesterly lines of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said Block O, a distance of 406.00 feet to the point of beginning of the land herein described; thence South 33 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds East, along a line which is 5 feet Northeasterly of and parallel with the Northeasterly wall of an existing metal building, 145.41 feet; thence North 56 degrees 07 minutes 24 seconds East, along a line which is 5 feet Northwesterly of and parallel with the Northwesterly wall of an existing concrete block building, 50.08 feet; thence South 33 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds East, along a line which is 5 feet Northeasterly of and parallel with the Northeasterly wall of an existing concrete block building, 28.23 feet to the South line of Lot 4 of said Block O; thence measured South 55 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds West (record=South 55 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds West) (plat=South 56 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West) along the Southeasterly lines of Lots 4, 5 and 6 of said Block O, a measured distance of 375.65 feet (record=375.20 feet) (plat=368.60 feet) to the Southwesterly corner of Lot 6 of said Block O; thence measured North 34 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds West (record=North 34 degrees 19 minutes 25 seconds West) (plat=North 34 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West) along the Southwesterly line of Lot 6 of said Block O, a measured distance of File Number: 840865 174.65 feet (record=172.10 feet) (plat=172.92 feet) to the Northwesterly corner of Lot 6 of said Block O; thence North 56 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the Northerly lines of Lots 6, 5 and 4 of said Block O, a measured distance of 327.32 feet (record=326.60 feet) (plat=320.00 feet) to the place of beginning. Tax Item No. 80-43-040-470-01

PARCEL 26: Lots 1, 2, 3 and part of Lot 4, all Block O of Decatur, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 31 of Van Buren County Records, described as: Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of Lot 1 of said Block O; thence South 56 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the Northwesterly lines of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said Block O, a distance of 406.00 feet; thence South 33 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds East, along a line which is 5 feet Northeasterly of and parallel with the Northeasterly wall of an existing metal building, 145.41 feet; thence North 56 degrees 07 minutes 24 seconds East, along a line with is 5 feet Northwesterly of and parallel with the Northwesterly wall of an existing concrete block building, 50.08 feet; thence South 33 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds East, along a line which is 5 feet Northeasterly of and parallel with the Northeasterly wall of an existing concrete block building, 28.23 feet to the South line of Lot 4, said Block O; thence measure North 55 degrees 52 minutes 44 seconds East (record=North 55 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds East) (plat=North 56 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East) along the Southeasterly lines of Lots 4, 3, 2 and 1, said Block O, a distance of 357.40 feet to the Southeasterly corner of Lot 1, said Block O; thence measured North 34 degrees 22 minutes 25 seconds West (plat=North 34 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West) along the Northeasterly line of Lot 1, said Block O, a measured distance of 173.00 feet (plat=172.92 feet) to the place of beginning. Tax Item No. 80-43-040-469-01

Mortgagor hereby further grants to Mortgagee, a security interest, as security for the payment of all indebtedness of the Mortgagor to Mortgagee in certain property generally described as: all grain handling facilities and equipment, scales, crop dryers, grain storage facilities, elevators, augers, conveyors, power units, fuel storage, electrical controls and testing equipment with replacements, additions and similar equipment hereafter acquired, located on and affixed to the above described real estate. This security interest is being given pursuant to the Michigan Uniform Commercial Code to secure the above described items. In case of default, the Mortgagee (Secured Party) shall have all remedies as provided under said code and under the other terms and conditions of this mortgage, and may proceed upon any security liened to it, either concurrently or separately, in any manner it may elect.

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Commonly known as: 110 East Sherwood Street, Decatur, MI 49045

P.P. 80-43-040-456-00 (Parcel 19); 80-43-040-457-00 (Parcel 20); 80-43-040-375-00 (Parcel 21); 80-43-085-065-20 (parcel 22); 80-43-085-065-10 (Parcel 23); 80-43-085-034-00 (parcel 24); 80-43-040-470-01 (Parcel 25); 80-43-040-469-01 (Parcel 26)

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Dated: June 11, 2025

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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: RAYMOND E BIRMELE; ATTY: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. - RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.; 1ST PUB: 6/12/2025; ATTY FILE #: 25MI00397-1; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 01:00 PM, July 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond E. Birmele and Diann M. Birmele, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Interactive Financial Corp, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2009, and recorded on February 24, 2009, in Liber 1513, Page 735, Van Buren County Records, said mortgage was modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated January 13, 2022, and recorded on January 21, 2022, in Liber 1732, Page 133, Van Buren County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 11, 2016 and recorded January 14, 2016 in Liber 1630, Page 235, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven and 27/100 ($175,297.27) including interest at the rate of 3.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the East line of Haver Street, at a point 679.00 feet North of the East and West quarter line of Section 15, Town 3 South, Range 16 West, thence North on said Street, 117.50 feet to the South line of Hart Street, thence East on said street 148.50 feet, thence South 117.50 feet, thence West 148.50 feet to beginning Commonly known as: 100 HART ST, HARTFORD, MI 49057 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 12, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00397-1

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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: ROBERTA POTHOFF; ATTY: TEAM H; 1ST PUB: 6/12/2025; ATTY FILE #: 520934F01; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on July 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Wayne R. Pothoff and Roberta J. Pothoff, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC

Date of Mortgage: July 1, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 15, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $354,601.00

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Mattawan, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 142, Silvergrass, a site condominium, according to the master deed recorded in Liber 1611, Page 233, Van Buren county record, and designated as Van Buren county subdivision plan no. 132, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above described master deed and amendments thereto and as disclosed by act 59 of the public acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 25441 Forest Ln, Mattawan, MI 49071-9671

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: June 12, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1563855

(06-12)(07-03)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: JAMES WILKINS; ATTY: SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. - SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, PC; 1ST PUB: 6/12/2025; ATTY FILE #: 25-001625-1; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - VAN BUREN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on July 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): James Wilkins, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: October 17, 2012 Recorded on October 18, 2012, Liber 1574, on Page 330, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded on April 21, 2022 in Liber 1737, on Page 97 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight and 01/100 Dollars ($101,128.01) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Van Buren County, and described as: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF GAGE`S ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF; THENCE WEST 132 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 229.02 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF BREEDSVILLE ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE TO THE WEST LINE OF GAGE`S ADDITION; THENCE NORTH TO BEGINNING, THIS PARCEL IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6, BLOCK 1, GAGE`S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, SAID POINT BEING DETERMINED BY A SURVEY MADE BY SMITH &, SMITH, INC., REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN LAND SURVEYING AS BEING 1110.12 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 9, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 15 WEST; THENCE WEST 8 RODS; THENCE SOUTH TO THE CENTER OF BREEDSVILLE ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON SAME TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID ADDITION; THENCE NORTH ON SAME TO BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 15 WEST ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT SURVEY THEREOF. Commonly known as 128 Bangor Rd, Lawrence, MI 49064 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
1564121

(06-12)(07-03)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: 7338 HARDISTY LLC; ATTY: ANR - ANR; 1ST PUB: 6/19/2025; ATTY FILE #: (N/A); INSURER: (UNKNOWN
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on July 24, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): 7338 Hardisty LLC Original Mortgagee: Builder Circle Warehouse 1 LLC Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2024 Date of Mortgage Recording: July 10, 2024 Amount claimed due on date of notice: $468,107.20 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Decatur, County of Van Buren, and State of Michigan, is described as follows: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWN 4 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST. Common street address (if any): 94760 40th Street, Decatur, MI 49045 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: June 19, 2025 Mastrantonio & Orlando, LLP 308 N. Cleveland Massillon Road, Suite 200 Akron, OH 44333 330-434-1000

(06-19)(07-10)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: BRYAN BAILEY; ATTY: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. - RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.; 1ST PUB: 6/19/2025; ATTY FILE #: 25MI00402-1; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
FORECLOSURE NOTICE ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 01:00 PM, July 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bryan Bailey, A Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2020, and recorded on April 3, 2020, in Liber 1697, Page 565, Van Buren County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 02, 2025 and recorded June 06, 2025 in Liber 1779, Page 748, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six and 24/100 ($110,766.24) including interest at the rate of 4.25000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 17, except the East 5 feet wide of said Lot 17, Block 1 of Warrens Addition to Hartford according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 7 of Van Buren County Records. Commonly known as: 315 E LINDEN ST, HARTFORD, MI 49057 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/ or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 19, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00402-1

(06-19)(07-10)

NEW PUB -> COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: RYAN STEELE; ATTY: TEAM X; 1ST PUB: 6/19/2025; ATTY FILE #: 524417F01; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on July 24, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ryan D. Steele aka Ryan Steele and Kimberly Steele husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: September 15, 2017
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 22, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $98,615.11
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: The South 50 feet of Lot(s) 3 and 4, Block 7 of Freeman Stowe's Addition to the Hartford Village according to the plat thereof recorded in Van Buren County Records, also the North half of Lot 1 Block 2, Map of Stowe's 2nd Addition to the Village of Hartford, according to the recorded plat thereof recorded in Van Buren County Records.
Common street address (if any): 308 S Maple St, Hartford, MI 49057-1225
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: June 19, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1564713

(06-19)(07-10)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: MARGARET MINER; ATTY: TEAM X; 1ST PUB: 6/26/2025; ATTY FILE #: 524401F01; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on July 31, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Margaret M. Miner and Wesley E. Miner, wife and husband
Original Mortgagee: Michigan Home Finance
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Date of Mortgage: February 5, 2007
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 12, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $94,653.99
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Bloomingdale, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section, 9, Town 1 South, Range 14 West, according to the Government Survey thereof.
Common street address (if any): 41704 6th Ave, Bloomingdale, MI 49026-9704
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: June 26, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1565012

(06-26)(07-17)

NEW PUB -> COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: CHAD M. HOFFMAN; ATTY: ORLANS; 1ST PUB: 6/26/2025; ATTY FILE #: 25-006790; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)
ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on AUGUST 14, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chad M. Hoffman and Sylvia L. Hoffman, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2004 and recorded November 12, 2004 in Liber 1425, Page 803 Van Buren County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely in its capacity as trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2024-RP1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and 58/100 Dollars ($61,920.58).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on AUGUST 14, 2025.
Said premises are located in the City of Bangor, Van Buren County Michigan, and are described as: LOTS 1 AND 2 BLOCK 8 MONROES ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF BANGOR, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF
35 E Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: June 26, 2025
File No. 25-006790
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(06-26)(07-17)

The Van Buren Intermediate School District is now accepting bids for the purchase of a new Culinary Food Trailer as outlined in the bid packet. Bid packets are available for download at **www.vbisd.org** under District Services – Business Office. Bids are due **July 7, 2025, at 2:00 PM** at the Van Buren Intermediate School District Business Office, 490 S. Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted and returned unopened. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid unless it includes both sworn and notarized familial affidavit and Iran linked business affidavit. The Van Buren Intermediate School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities which it deems to be in the best interest of Van Buren Intermediate School District, and the right to award the contract to other than lowest bidder.

The Van Buren Intermediate School District is now accepting bids for the purchase of a new Culinary Program dishwasher as outlined in the bid packet. Bid packets are available for download at **www.vbisd.org** under District Services – Business Office. Bids are due **July 7, 2025, at 2:30 PM** at the Van Buren Intermediate School District Business Office, 490 S. Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted and returned unopened. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid unless it includes both sworn and notarized familial affidavit and Iran linked business affidavit. The Van Buren Intermediate School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities which it deems to be in the best interest of Van Buren Intermediate School District, and the right to award the contract to other than lowest bidder.

For more information or to place an ad Call (269) 657-3072 or 657-5080 BEFORE MONDAY AT 5PM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PAW PAW TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Paw Paw Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding amendments to Section 5.08 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow off-site accessory buildings under certain circumstances as special land uses.

The public is invited to comment on the matter. The meeting information is below:

- Location: Paw Paw Township Hall, 114 N. Gremps St., Paw Paw, MI, 49079
- Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Hearing and project information: call 269-657-4340 or email clerk@pawpawtownship.org

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Chair at the Township Hall address listed above by 4:00 PM on the meeting date.

If any individual has a physical disability that may limit their participation in the hearing, please notify the Township at least five (5) days before the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PAW PAW TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Paw Paw Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing regarding the following request. The public is invited to comment on the matter.
Application:
- Request: The following variance requests relate to Chapter 42, Article 6, Attachment 3 of the Paw Paw Township Zoning Ordinance (dimensional requirements).
  - Variances to reduce the required minimum side setbacks from 15 feet to approximately 2 feet on the west side for a new attached carport and approximately 3 feet and 4 inches on the east side for an addition.
  - Variance to reduce the required minimum front setback from 50 feet to approximately 8 feet from the street easement for the new attached carport.
  - Variance to increase the maximum lot coverage from 30% to approximately 40%.
- Zoning District: Waterfront Area (WFA)
- Project Address: 49404 Fairbanks, Paw Paw, MI 49079
- Project Parcel Number: 80-14-635-002-00
- Applicant: James Van Horn on behalf of Dale Schuring

Meeting Information:
- Location: Paw Paw Township Hall, 114 N. Gremps St., Paw Paw, MI, 49079
- Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2025
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Hearing and project information: call 269-657-4340 or email clerk@pawpawtownship.org

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair at the Township Hall address listed above by 4:00 PM on the meeting date.
If any individual has a physical disability that may limit their participation in the hearing, please notify the Township at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

OBITUARY

Margaret "Peggy" Schonwald

Margaret "peggy" Schonwald, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, passed away peacefully May 30, 2025. Born Nov. 3, 1937.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, Douglas Schonwald; parents, Herbert and Veta McGrew; brother, Richard McGrew; and sister, Diane McGrew Harless.

She is survived by her children, Steve Woodward (Manivanh), Chuck Woodward, Beth Hoburg (Carl), and Vickie Atwood-Romine (Bill); Doug's children, Natalie Taylor-Davis (Terry) and Debbie Hansen; grandchildren, Noel, Adam, Peter, Shelby and Taylor; great-grandchildren Hazel and Asher; and brothers, John and Stan McGrew.

Peggy had many fond memories of her 20 plus years working for the Paw Paw Medical group. She and Doug became avid travelers in their retirement with a long-desired trip to Europe in 2000.

After the passing of her husband, she became a snowbird and spent her winters in Alabama with Vickie and her family. Peggy's ability to have a conversation with anyone she met was her most glorious asset, turning any stranger into an acquaintance and many into friends; she had numerous in Michigan and added more in the south during her snowbird years.

Peggy was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 68, Paw Paw. She served as president for many years, along with several other positions. She was also a member of VFW Auxiliary and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Peggy was an avid quilter and excellent with crochet. The entire family, as well as many friends, are blessed with beautiful items she made for them over the years. Additionally, she loved to dance, listen to music, and read.

A private service with family only will be held at a later date.

Share a memory or sign the online guest book at: adamspawpaw.com

Friends host book sale in Decatur

The Friends of the Van Buren District Library (VBDL) will be hosting their annual book sale this July 31st through August 2nd in the Webster Memorial Library (200 N. Phelps Street Decatur, MI). Come out and pick up your next summer read! The sale will be happening on the following dates:

07/31 Thursday: 9:00 am - Noon (Early access for Friends of VBDL Members, membership available at the door)

08/01 Friday: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

08/02 Saturday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Each day the Community Room at Webster Memorial Library will be filled with books looking for new homes. The majority of the books in the sale have been recently removed from the Van Buren District Library. Boxes of nonfiction,science fiction, mysteries, dramas, romance and more are ready to be set out. The stock will be replenished throughout the sale so come on multiple days to see what else has been put out.

The Friends of the Van Buren District Library, or Friends, are a group of people interested in raising awareness of and supporting the work of the seven branches of the Van Buren District Library. Funds raised from events like this book sale go to support branch programs, staff development, and more across the Van Buren District Library system.

Bloomingdale track athletes have banner seasons

By John Raffel
Correspondent

BLOOMINGDALE — Bloomingdale is coming off a strong track season with several outstanding athletes for coach Christopher Dugan and his assistants.

Top athletes for the boys included senior Isaac Goudzwaard, a state qualifier in the pole vault, senior Kelsey Simms in the 300 hurdles and sophomore Adrian Pop in the 400 meters.

Top girls athletes were senior Rowan Hegelmann in the shot put and discus, freshman Analyssa Sustaita in the 400 meters and freshman Laniyah Pittsley in the 400 meters.

Goudzwaard had a personal record of 13 feet in the pole vault at the region for second place. He cleared 12-3 in the state finals for 28th place. He also ran in the 4x100, 4200 and 4x400 relays.

Simms had a personal record of 42.90 sections for fifth place in the regionals for the 300 hurdles. In his first six meets of the season he took four first places, a second and a third. He also ran in the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 relays for Bloomingdale.

Pop had a personal record of 56.20 seconds in the Southwest 110 meet Centreville.

Hegelmann took first place in the shot put in her first seven meets which included 37.5.75 in a league jamboree. In the discus, Hegelmann was fifth in the regionals at 89-10 but had a PR of 101-5 earlier in the season.

Sustaita had a personal record of 1:09.94 in the 400 meters.

Pittsley had a personal record of 1:11.59 in the 400 meters.

Mattawan eighth at regional

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Mattawan's golf team was in a tie for eighth place in the Division 1 regionals recently to end its golf season.

Mattawan shot a 333 to tie for eighth. Forest Hills Northern won the event with a 300, followed by Rockford at 305, Mona Shores at 305, Portage Central at 313, Byron Center at 316 West Ottawa at 322, and Hudsonville at 332.

For Mattawan, Griffin McClish was 65th with an 89, Boston Bilek 26th with a 80, Brayden Lewis 13thwith a 77, Luke Roberts 53rd with a 87 and Leonardo Fillippine with a 96 for 84th place.

Mattawan won the Southern Michigan JV championship this seaosnwith a 314. Full Lake and portage Cnweltral tied for second at 328.

Josh Fritz was first with a 77 for Mattawan as was teammate Sawyer Doxtater. Connor Schultz was sixth at 79. Lucas Hettinga was 13th with an 81. Jack Bouma 22nd with a 83.

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Save at least $1.50 lb.

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Save at least $1.20 lb.

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Select Varieties
Sabra Hummus
10 oz.
$4.49
Save at least $1.00

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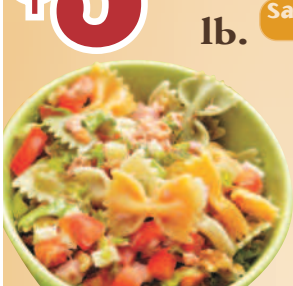

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BelGioioso Italian Cheese
5 oz. cups
$3.59
Save at least $1.00

Dietz & Watson Ham
$7.99 lb.
Save at least $3.00 lb.

Dietz & Watson Provolone Cheese
$7.49 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

Select Varieties
Dietz & Watson Turkey Breast
$9.99 lb.
Save at least $3.00 lb.

Old Tyme Deli Hard Salami
$6.99 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

$5.99 Daily Lunch Specials
Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM • Includes 2 Sides (see store for details)

Monday, June 23:
1/2 Panini of the Day
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Tuesday, June 24:
Meatloaf
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Wednesday, June 25:
3-Piece Chicken Tenders
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Thursday, June 26:
Pulled Pork Sandwich
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Friday, June 27:
2-Piece Bratwurst
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side